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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE PPD LEADER IN FRANCE

1. OUR QUAI SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT PORTUGUESE PPD SECRETARY GENERAL EMILIO GUERREIRO HAS BEEN MEETING PRIVATELY WITH LEADERS OF THE GAULLIST UDR PARTY INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTERS COUVE AND DEBRE. ALTHOUGH GUERREIRO ALSO MET STATE SECRETARY FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS BORD, QUAI EMPHASIZES THAT LATTER WAS MET SOLELY IN HIS CAPACITY AS UDR SECRETARY GENERAL. QUAI HAD NO FURTHER COMMENTS ON VISIT OF GUERREIRO, WHO WAS FRENCH WARTIME RESISTANCE FIGHTER WHO SPENT MANY YEARS IN PARIS.

2. LE MONDE DATED JULY 30 PUBLISHED STATEMENTS BY GUERREIRO, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH FOLLOW IN EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

BEGIN TEXT: "I PAID COURTESY VISIT TO THE UDR SECRETARY GENERAL. I THINK THAT FRANCOIS MITTERAND (SOCIALIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY) AND I SHOULD MEET EACH OTHER. (THE FORMATION OF A TRIUMVIRATE IN LISBON) IS A DECISION WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE AGREEMENT
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BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES; OUR

POSITION ON THIS POINT IS CLOSE TO THAT OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS. WE INSIST THAT THE TRANSFORMATION OF PORTUGUESE SOCIETY TAKE PLACE THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS. (THIS VIEWPOINT WILL SUCCEED) BECAUSE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY AGREES WITH THE PSP AND OURSELVES. WE MUST INSIST THAT ALL PARTIES HAVE ACCESS TO TELEVISION AND RADIO. WE MUST ALSO ATTAIN THE ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS". END TEXT.

3. AFP ALSO CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH GUERREIRO DATED JULY 30, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH FOLLOW:

BEGIN TEXT: GUERREIRO SAID' "THE GOVERNMENT WHICH GENERAL VASCO GONCALVEZ WANTS TO ORGANIZE WILL NOT SURVIVE LONG BECAUSE ONE CANNOT RULE WITHOUT THE PEOPLE AND AGAINST THE PEOPLE." GUERREIRO DID NOT COME TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE BECAUSE, HE SAYS, "NO COUNTRY SHOULD INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES." IN THIS REGARD, GUERREIRO CRITICIZED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT GISCARD WHO, DURING THE LAST EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS, SHOWED HIMSELF HOSTILE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDING FINANCIAL AID TO PORTUGAL. "ONE CANNOT ASK A PEOPLE TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC POLICY IN EXCHANGE FOR ECONOMIC AID. I BELIEVE THAT IN REFUSING TO HELP MY COUNTRY FINANCIALLY ONE MIGHT PROVOKE THE ACCELERATION OF EXACTLY THE POLICY ONE IS TRYING TO AVOID." REGARDING THE TRIUMVIRANT, GUERREIRO SAID' "ONE OF THE THREE, GENERAL OTELO DE CARVALHO, JUST PROPOSES THAT PORTUGAL FOLLOW CUBA'S LEAD. OUR REVOLUTION IS CHARACTERIZED BY ITS ORIGINALITY. WE ALL WANT 'A PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION' FOLLOWING NO OTHER MODEL. WHAT WE WANT IS A RADICAL CHANGE IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES, LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLURALISTIC HUMANISTIC SOCIALISM. THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE REJECT ALL DICTATORIAL TRANSFORMATIONS WHICH WOULD VIOLATE THE WISHES EXPRESSED IN FREE ELECTIONS. BIT BY BIT, ALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES - FOR EXAMPLE PORTO - PASS UNDER

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THE CONTROL OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO ELIMINATE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTIES". GUERREIRO, WHO EXPECTS TO RETURN TO LISBON MONDAY, INDICATED THAT, LACKING PRESS AND RADIO, HIS PARTY WILL UNDERTAKE A CAMPAIGN OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING WHICH IT WILL DENOUNCE THE MFA ACTIONS. END TEXT.
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